(c) whether it is a fact that despite big capacities permitted no fresh investment was made;

(d) if so, the investment made against each project after delicensing;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the capacities created earlier than the announcement of delicensing for most of these drugs are much more than the requirement of the country;

(f) if so, whether Government are proposing to review the list of delicensed drugs; and

(g) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) The bulk drugs recently delicensed by Government are considered to be essential and priority drugs whose production needs to be increased to ensure availability. Demand and capacity are not taken as constraints while granting such registration under the DLR Scheme.

(b) Details of capacity granted to various companies are being published regularly by the IIC, in their monthly News letter, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. The Seventh Plan targets for various bulk drugs are available in the report of the Working Group on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, copies of which are also available in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) Delicensing scheme was announced only recently and it is too early to assess the expected investments.

(e) Already covered under (a) above.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Drug manufacturing

2627. DR. H. P. SHARMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the organised sector drug manufacturing companies are producing in excess those formulations for which they have obtained stay orders from various High Courts against the prices fixed by Government for the formulations or the bulk drugs on which these formulations are based;

(b) if so, what was the production of each drug from 1979 onwards and sales turnover of each formulation of same period;

(c) if so, what is the original licenced capacity of each drug and formulation, re-endorsed capacity and production during 1985-86;

(d) what was the original price fixed, refixed and present selling price for each; and

(e) what is the excess amount charged from the consumer on each product up-to-date from the date of fixation of price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (d) Information to the extent available in respect of drug matters in the Delhi High Court has already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 859 answered on 25th March, 1985. Information to the extent available in respect of drug matters in other High Courts would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) The concerned manufacturers are charging the prices as allowed by the High Courts and as such the excess amount can not be determined at this stage.

Production of drugs in small scale units

2628. DR. H. P. SHARMA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of organised sector drug companies are getting